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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KORUTURK AND THE NATIONAL FRONT

1. IF PRIMIN-DESIGNATE DEMIREL SUCCEEDS IN PUTTING TOGETHER A COALITION-BASED CABINET, HIS NEXT STEP WILL BE TO PRESENT THE CABINET LIST TO THE PRESIDENT FOR APPROVAL. AT THIS STAGE SUCH APPROVAL CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

2. THE TURKISH CONSTITUTION PROVIDES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER NOMINATES AND THE PRESIDENT APPOINT MEMBERS OF THE CABINET. IT IS SILENT ON WHETHER AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS THE PRESIDENT MIGHT REFUSE TO APPOINT A NOMINATED MINISTER OR LIST OF MINISTERS. THE ONLY PRECEDENT FOR REJECTION WAS A REFUSAL BY PRESIDENT SUNAY IN MAY 1972 TO ACCEPT A GOVERNMENT FORMED BY URGUPLU. THE APPARENT BASIS FOR THAT REJECTION WAS THE INCLUSION IN THE GOVERNMENT OF PERSONS SUNAY DID NOT CONSIDER POLITICALLY SUITABLE. THE FACT THAT THE SUNAY PRECEDENT OCCURRED IN THE POST MARCH 1971 PERIOD MIGHT MAKE IT LESS ATTRACTIVE TO KORUTURK.

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3. A GOVERNMENT ACCEPTED BY THE PRESIDENT, REGARDLESS OF

WHETHER IT RECEIVES A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, REMAINS IN OFFICE UNTIL ANOTHER GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. GIVEN PRESIDENT KORUTURK'S APPARENT EARLIER RELUCTANCE TO DESIGNATE DEMIREL AS PRIME MINISTER HE MIGHT WELL WISH TO AVOID A DEMIREL CARETAKER GOVERNMENT IF HE WERE CONVINCED THE NATIONAL FRONT WOULD FAIL TO RECEIVE A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

4. AS OF NOW NO RPT NO PREDICTION CAN BE MADE ABOUT THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. THE KEY IS A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY ONE DOZEN DISSIDENT DEPUTIES WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. IF THIS GROUP PUBLICLY PLEDGED ITSELF TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE DP (THUS INSURING A NATIONAL FRONT DEFEAT), KORUTURK WOULD HAVE A BASIS FOR REFUSING TO ACCEPT DEMIREL'S NOMINEES. SHORT OF SUCH A PUBLIC COMMITMENT BY THE DISSIDENTS, HOWEVER, IT CURRENTLY SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT KORUTURK WOULD REJECT A CABINET WHICH HAD A CHANCE OF WINNING A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE -- UNLESS SOME MEMBERS OF THE PROPOSED CABINET WERE SO UNPOPULAR OR SO UNSAVORY THAT THEIR INCLUSION IN A GOVERNMENT MIGHT PROVOKE EITHER A STRONG PUBLIC REACTION OR A MILITARY INTERVENTION.  
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